



Quotes Compiled After Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California

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Peter Sagan, BORA-hansgrohe – “I’m very happy. Thanks to all the teammates at BORA-hansgrohe, they helped me a lot today, keeping me in the front, and in the end we stayed with a few riders for a sprint, and I won. Also, congrats to my teammate (Pascal) Ackermann, he also won today at the Giro (d’Italia), and to have double in the team is very nice.”

Charles Planet, Team Novo Nordisk – “It’s been a long time since my last race, because Tour of Croatia was cancelled. I wanted to be in the breakaway...at the end I just went solo. I really enjoyed staying at the front at the end. Now I will look forward to the next stages and I hope to be again in the breakaway.”

Travis McCabe, USA Cycling National Team – “I felt great. I was in perfect position with 1K to go. It’s a long sprint, a little slightly uphill with a bit of a headwind usually, but I was on the right wheels following Peter [Sagan], and was able to open up and have legs, so I’m ecstatic to get second place and represent USA Cycling.”

(On if he just needed a bit more road to beat Peter) “I still doubt that I would have beat him, but I had great legs, I came with speed. I was a little bit further behind. I think I came from maybe two wheels back from Peter. I’m happy with second. Doesn’t matter where you start the sprint, just matters where it ends. Like I said, I’m happy with second. It’s a great little birthday present for me from USA Cycling, so it’s good.”

Tyler Stites, USA Cycling National Team – “It means a lot for us. It’s a huge opportunity that we were given by USA Cycling. I’m just trying to make the most of this chance, so I went in the breakaway and had a good day.”

(On discussion with team regarding going back to the group) “I just decided that since that gap had come down I wanted to go back to the group to save my energy and just to make sure I could stay on the same time, and hopefully get the Best Young Rider Jersey.”